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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR GR US ASEC

SUBJ: PRESS ATTENTION ON MARINE INCIDENT

REF ATHENS 015

1. INCIDENT INVOLVING EMBASSY MARINE GUARD WITH GREEK MINOR CONTINUED NEWS ITEM ON FRONTPAGE OR MAIN NEWS PAGE OF MOST ATHENS DAILIES JANUARY 3, ALTHOUGH TWO PAPERS REDUCED COVERAGE. MAJOR THEME FEEDING TODAY'S PRESS INTEREST IS SPECULATION ON EXTRATERRITORIALITY WITH PRESS ASSUMPTION THAT IT WILL APPLY TO THIS CASE AND THE ACCUSED, WHO IS NOW GENERALLY REFERRED TO AS THE "SATYR", WILL THEREBY ESCAPE JUSTICE.

2. THE SUBJECT OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY ALSO PROVOKED EDITORIAL COMMENT IN FIVE A.M. PAPERS ALL OF WHICH WERE CRITICAL OF PRACTICE OF IMMUNITY IN GENERAL AS WELL AS IN THE CASE AT HAND. COMMUNIST RIZOSPASTIS MADE SHARPEST POLITICAL ATTACK, CLAIMING THAT CURRENT  
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INCIDENT PROVED CARAMANLIS WAS NOT TELLING TRUTH WHEN

HE ASSERTED GREECE'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND INDEPENDENCE  
AND THAT "BECAUSE OF EXTRATERRITORIALITY WE CANNOT BE  
ASSURED OF THE SAFETY OF OUR BABIES". TO VIMA  
COMMENTED THAT CONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF U.S. FORCES  
EXCEEDING NORMAL INCIDENTS OF CRIMINAL NATURE AND  
RAISED QUESTION OF PROPRIETY OF AMERICAN EMBASSY BEING  
GUARDED BY NON-GREEKS.

3. COMMENT: FROM SAMPLING OF EDITORIALS IT IS CLEAR  
THAT TOPIC OF LEGAL IMMUNITY, OR EXTRATERRITORIALITY AS  
GREEKS GENERALLY INSIST ON CALLING IT, IS NOT UNDERSTOOD  
BY EDITORS WHO CONFUSE DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY WITH UMS.  
FORCES' PRIMARY EXERCISE OF JURISDICTION WHEN U.S.  
SERVICEMEN ACCUSED OF VIOLATING GREEK LAW WHILE IN  
DUTY STATUS. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS CONFUSION  
WILL DISSIPATE. KUBISCH

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